

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move that it be passed over.

PRESIDENT: We pass over 792, the next bill 909.

CLERK: Read 909

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature, LB909 adopts for Nebraska the interstate compact for the placement of children. This basically deals with adoptions as a or as they are affected by interstate placement. Where a child is coming in from another state and is placed with a family in Nebraska or goes from an agency in Nebraska to a family in another state. The interstate compact has been adopted now by a number of states, and what this simply does is to establish a uniform contractual agreement establishing lines of responsibility, who is responsible for the child until at one point and so on. This is so everybody knows what they are dealing with and to what extent. The alternative to that is that an informal agreement has to be worked out in individual cases by a..a...each time that an interstate placement takes place and of course the problem with this is that agencies don't know each other end up having to exchange a lot of letters and phone calls and things like this to work out the agreement. If the compact is adopted, then they have a uniform procedure which is respected by each state and the agencies in those states. So I ask unanimous consent to advance LB909 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Any objections? I see none, so LB909 is advanced to E & R Initial. Next bill is 824.

CLERK: LB824

PRESIDENT: Could you handle the committee amendments Senator Fowler?

SENATOR FOWLER: I would be glad to handle the committee amendments, then I would move my amendment which just changes one word in the committee amendments if that is OK.

PRESIDENT: Yes, you wish to amend the committee amendments first?

SENATOR FOWLER: Should I make that motion first?

CLERK: Read Fowler amendment.

SENATOR FOWLER: OK, the change is simply to take care of a problem that then might arise in the committee amendment. The committee amendment was simply to enable the funds that are discussed here to be used in cooperation with other units of government. The amendment that I propose would enable these funds to be used with non-profit corporations such as special groups that provide elderly transportation and there are other non-profit corporations, such as community service agencies, my enable...my amendment would enable revenue sharing funds to be used in cooperation with these groups. So I move the adoption of my amendment to the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion on the Fowler amendment to the committee amendment? Those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. The Fowler amendment is adopted. Now we get to the committee amendment. Senator Fowler.